



## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

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# Closures and Restrictions Update

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## Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Summary of Fire Restrictions and Closures

### General Forest – (208) 935-2513

**Fire Restrictions** have been lifted for all lands managed by the Nez Perce/Clearwater National Forests. Given the warming and drying conditions forest officials remind all recreationists be careful with the use of fire.

**Airstrips:** All backcountry airstrips are now open.

Due to public safety concerns associated with widespread fire activity, the following closures remain in effect:

### North Zone

#### North Fork Ranger District – (208) 476-4541

##### **Trail Closures**

A segment of Snow Creek Trail 285 is closed. Scurvy Mountain Trail 524 has been closed from the junction with Road 581 to the Lookout. Finally, a segment of St. Joe Divide Trail 233, providing access to Five Lakes Butte and the Idaho Panhandle National Forest, is closed.

##### **Open Campgrounds**

Campgrounds that are open on the North Fork Ranger District include the Aquarius, Cedars, Hidden Creek, Kelly Forks, Noe Creek, and Washington Creek Campgrounds. All campgrounds on the Palouse Ranger District are open.

##### **Campground Closures**

Weitas Creek Campground remains closed.

### Central Zone

#### Moose Creek Ranger District – (208) 926-4258

##### **NEW - Selway Road Reopens**

Selway Road 223 has re-opened from O'Hara Bridge to the junction with Falls Point Road 443.

##### **NEW - Trails Reopen**

Trails accessed by much of Selway Road 223 have reopened. This includes CCC Trail 434, Rackcliff 702, West Boyd 710, East Boyd 703, 23 Mile 707, West Glover 705, Glover 704, Gedney-Glover 709, Gedney 708, and Canteen 725 in their entirety.

##### **Trail Closures**

Double Ridge Trail 442 is closed in its entirety. Segments of East Moose Trail 421, Battle Ridge Trail 432, and Gateway Peak Trail 491 remain closed.

### ***Campground Closures***

The following campgrounds are closed: Boyd, CCC, Glover, O'Hara, Race Creek, Rackliff, Selway Falls, Slide Creek, Slims Camp, Twenty-five Mile Bar, and Twenty-mile Bar.

### ***Open Campgrounds***

Johnson Bar

## **Lochsa-Powell Ranger Districts – Lochsa: (208) 926-4274; Powell: (208) 942-3113**

### ***Area Closures***

An area closure remains in effect south of Highway 12. It is roughly bounded by Eagle Creek on the west and Roads 111 and 360 on the east. Trails 44 and 79 form much of the southern border. Elk Summit Road 111 and Savage Pass Road 360 remain open. There is no access to Walton Lakes or Wind Lakes.

An area west of Lolo Pass in the vicinity of Granite Pass remains closed.

### ***Road Closures***

Due to fire activity and firefighting associated with the Motorway Complex, **segments** of the following roads are closed: Smith Creek Road 101, Lolo Weitas Road 103, Pierce Lochsa Road 104, Woodrat Mountain Road 418, Yakus Pete King Road 454, Highline Road 455, Middle Butte Road 483, Lolo Trail Road 500, Old Fan Creek Road 5007, East Fan Creek Road 5107, Lunch Creek Road 5108, Upper Yakus Road 514, Red Cloud Ridge 5170, Lunch Creek Road 5108, Upper Yakus Road 514, Red Cloud Ridge Road 5170, Lost Hat Saddle Road 5173, Hemlock Road 535, Musselshell Creek Road 540, Hemlock Ridge Road 547, and Swan Creek Road 5503.

Crooked Fork Contour Road 595 is closed at Granite Pass to the end of the road.

### ***NEW - Trails Reopen***

A number of trails south of the Lochsa River that provide access to and through the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness have been re-opened. This includes: Fish Lake Crossover Trail 39, Wounded Doe Ridge Trail 644, Fish Lake Connection Trail 263, Boulder Creek Trail 211, Sponge-Freezeout Trail 209, Dutch Ridge Trail 2150, Boulder Creek Trail 211, Rock Creek Trail 2210, and Lochsa Peak Trail 220.

### ***Trail Closures***

Segments of Dan Lee Ridge Trail 11, Trapper Gulch Trail 76, Sylvan Ridge Trail 88, Sylvan Creek Trail 232, Lewis and Clark Trail 25 and Nee-Me-Poo Trail 40 are closed.

The following trails remain closed in their entirety: Army Mule 60, Saturday Ridge 89, Saturday Creek 82, Pouliot 30, Wind Lakes 24, Tom Beal Creek 7, Friday Pass 45, and Pedro Ridge 917. Warm Springs Trail 49 remains closed from the junction with Wind Lakes Trail 24 to Saturday Ridge Trail 89. Note: Jerry Johnson Hot Springs is still accessible.

### ***Campground Closures***

Wilderness Gateway loops A and B, Powell and White Sands Campgrounds

### ***Open Campgrounds***

Campgrounds that are open on the Lochsa-Powell Ranger District include the Apgar, Colgate Camp, Knife Edge, Wild Goose, Wendover, Whitehouse and Loops C and D of Wilderness Gateway Campgrounds.

## **South Zone**

### **Salmon River Ranger District – (208) 839-2211**

#### ***Area Closure***

Due to activity associated with the Tepee Springs fire, an area closure remains in place. Its southern border is the Salmon River. It extends north approximately ten miles and is bounded by the Forest boundary on the west and French Creek on the east.

### ***Road Closures***

Main Salmon River Road 1614, Grangeville-Salmon Road 221 beyond its junction with Road 643, Road 394, and Nut Basin Road 441 Road are closed. The roads in the Florence area are within the closure boundary. Please see the map for details.

### ***Trail Closures***

The 088 Trail (across from Carey Creek) is closed. There are numerous other trails within the closure area. Please see the closure map.

### ***Open Campgrounds***

Open campgrounds on the Salmon River Ranger District include Nelson Creek, Castle Creek, South Fork, Meadow Creek, Fish Creek, Corral Creek, Rocky Bluff and Iron Phone Junction. In the Hells Canyon area the Windy Saddle, Seven Devils, and Pittsburg Landing Campgrounds are open.

### ***Campground Closures***

North Fork Slate Creek, Spring Bar, and Van Creek Campgrounds

## **Red River Ranger District – (208) 842-2245**

### ***Red River Complex Area Closure***

A closure associated with the Red River Complex south and east of Red River remains in effect. The closure is roughly bounded by the Magruder Road 468 on the north and the Salmon River on the south. Roads 222 and 1190, Noble Creek Trail 208 and Road 421 form the western boundary, while Trails 502 and Trail 96 define the eastern edge of the area.

### ***Baldy Fire Area Closure***

To ensure public safety, an area closure remains in effect in the vicinity of the Baldy Fire which is located roughly nine miles west of Elk City. The closure applies to Roads 284, 649, and 1866; and Nellie Mountain Trail 425, Reed Mountain Trail 477, and Silver Ridge Trail 424 are within the closure area.

### ***Red River Complex Road Closures***

A segment of Road 1190 is closed.

### ***Red River Complex Trail Closures***

Trails 501 and 208 are closed.

### ***Campground Closures***

Mallard Creek, Poet Creek, Granite Springs, Red Mailbox, and portions of Ox Bow, Sing Lee and Newsome Campgrounds

### ***Open Campgrounds***

Campgrounds that are open on the Red River Ranger District include American River, Bridge Creek, Crooked River, Ditch Creek, Dixie Meadow, French Gulch, Halfway House, Mackay Bar, O'Hara Saddle, Orogrande, Orogrande Summit, Rainy Day, Red River, Sam's Creek, Six Mile, Table Meadows, Ten Mile, Sourdough, Trapper Creek, Wildhorse, Leggett Creek and portions of Ox Bow, Sing Lee, and Newsome Campgrounds.

Restrictions and closures are constantly changing. Additional information and new restrictions will be posted at

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice>.

The most recent map of restrictions and closures can be accessed at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/nezperceclearwater/> and clicking on the Fire Information tab.